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SUMMARY: THE FIRST FINNISH EFFORTS TO MOUNT ASSISTANCE TO THE NEW POLITICAL FORCES IN PORTUGAL HAVE GOTTEN UNDERWAY IN THE WAKE OF THE FLEETING VISIT TO HELSINKI TEN DAYS AGO BY SOCIALIST LEADER MARIO SOARES (REFTTEL). PRESS COVERAGE OF DEVELOPMENTS HAS CONTINUED HEAVY -- HIGHLIGHTED BY VISIT OF PAIGC REPRESENTATIVE FERNAND CABRAL AND REPORT OF FINNISH MEMBER OF NORDIC DELEGATION RECEIVED LAST WEEK BY GENERAL SPINOLA.

1. SOMEWHAT CAUTIOUSLY FINNISH GROUPS HAVE BEGUN TO RAISE MONEY FOR ASSISTANCE OF SYMPATHETIC POLITICAL
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FORCES IN PORTUGAL. THE FINNISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC

PARTY (SDP) STARTED COLLECTING MONEY THIS WEEK FROM "ITS MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS" TO ASSIST PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY. FINNISH "WHITE-COLLAR" WORKERS' FEDERATION (TVK) ANNOUNCED MAY 11 IT WILL GIVE FUNDS TO THE TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS THAT "MUST BE FOUNDED" IN PORTUGAL. THE MAJOR FINNISH TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION, THE CENTRAL FEDERATION OF FINNISH TRADE UNIONS (SAK) HAS MADE NO COMMITMENTS. THE SAK SUSPECTS THE PORTUGUESE LABOR SCENE MAY EMERGE LOOKING SOMEWHAT LIKE THAT IN FRANCE AND ITALY AND (MINDFUL OF ITS OWN LARGE COMMUNIST MINORITY) IT DOES NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE FUTURE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS FACTIONS BY ASSISTING ONLY ONE.

2. EVENTS IN PORTUGAL AND PORTUGUESE AFRICA CONTINUE TO RECEIVE HEAVY MEDIA COVERAGE. ALSO PAIGC REPRESENTATIVE FERNAND CABRAL VISITED HELSINKI MAY 11. CABRAL CONCENTRATED, AT LEAST IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, ON PRESSING FOR RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU. "THE CHANGED SITUATION IN PORTUGAL MAKES RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU EASIER AND FINNISH RECOGNITION NOW WOULD HAVE AN EVEN GREATER EFFECT THAN EARLIER." BEFORE RECOGNITION WOULD HAVE MEANT A BREAK IN RELATIONS BETWEEN FINLAND AND THE CAETANO REGIME BUT THAT WOULD NOT BE THE CASE NOW, CABRAL CONTINUED. HE ALSO EXPRESSED "CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM" THAT GUINEA-BISSAU WOULD SOON BE ADMITTED TO THE UN. IT IS MOSTLY A QUESTION OF WHETHER THE UNITED STATES CHOOSES TO USE OR REFRAINS FROM USING ITS VETO RIGHT. CABRAL'S OPTIMISM WAS BASED ON HIS ASSESSMENT THAT THE US WOULD NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE ITS RELATIONS WITH AFRICA.

3. THE VISIT OF THE NORDIC DELEGATION TO PORTUGAL LAST WEEK WAS ALSO WIDELY REPORTED OVER THE WEEKEND, MOSTLY IN THE WORDS OF KARI TAPIOLA, THE SAK'S INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY WHO WAS THE ONLY FINNISH MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION. TAPIOLA WAS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES OF ESTABLISHING A GENUINE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. HE SAID THE NORDICS TOLD SPINOLA THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD EXAMINE THE POSSIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITIES OF EXTENDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION "AS SOON AS DEMOCRACY HAS BEEN REALIZED IN PORTUGAL." THE DELEGATION ALSO SAID RELATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND THE NORDICS WILL DEPEND DECISIVELY ON HOW THE COLONIAL QUESTION IS SETTLED. FULL TEXT OF TAPIOLA REPORT FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM. KREHBIEL

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